

Notice of Allowability

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1. This communication is responsive to RCE/amendments filed on 6/22/2007.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record, because the prior art of record does not disclose "a control circuit, responsive to said voltage indication signal, that generates a control signal; and a switching element having a control terminal that receives said control signal; said control signal being different for different first and second values of said supply voltage, so sensed, wherein said first value of said supply voltage, so sensed, is different from said desired output voltage, and said control signal is in the form of a pulse train for switching said switching element for said first value of said supply voltage, so sensed, wherein said pulsed control signal has a duty cycle greater than 0% and less than 100%".

Claims 12-13,19 are allowable over the prior art of record, because the prior art of record does not disclose "at least one DC-DC conversion circuit, connected to said one input node and to an output node, for converting said single supply voltage, so sensed, to a different desired output voltage when said single supply voltage sensed at the one input node is not the desired output voltage and providing said different voltage on said output node; and a control circuit, coupled to said voltage sensing circuit and to said DC-DC conversion circuit for controlling said DC-DC conversion circuit depending on said supply voltage, so sensed, wherein when the sensed single supply voltage is the desired output voltage, said control circuit controls the DC-DC conversion circuit to

not convert the sensed single supply voltage to a different voltage so that said sensed single supply voltage is provided on said output node".

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos Amaya whose telephone number is (571) 272-8941. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Sherry can be reached on (571) 272-2800. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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